

HOUSE No. 2891

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, petition of Angelo M. Scaccia for legislation to require the Division of Medical Assistance to reimburse hospitals for the costs of psychiatric patients on medical units. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO REIMBURSE HOSPITALS FOR THE COSTS OF PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS ON MEDICAL UNITS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Subparagraph (b) of section 11 of chapter 118G (b) of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended by inserting at the end of the first paragraph, in line 87,
4 the following new sentence:— “The division of medical assis-
5 tance shall ensure that in cases where mentally ill patients are hos-
6 pitalized on medical units, that the hospital shall be reimbursed
7 for services provided at the division’s standardized payment
8 amount per discharge rate”.